SC/ST vacancies in SBI

1394. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Departmental and Direct vacancies meant for SC/ ST candidates in State Bank of India;

(b) whether Associates Banks of SBI are also following the promotion policy of State Bank of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the percentage fixed in promotion from Assistant Manager (Computer) to Deputy Manager (Computer) in MM-II level in S.B.I, and its Associate Banks; and

(e) what percentage is fixed for direct vacancies in (d) above post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The details of direct recruitment and promotional vacancies of SC/STs in State Bank of India are as under:

Direct Recruitment:

SCs:218 STs:225

Departmental Promotion:

SCs:186 STs:143

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Associate Banks of State Bank of India are separate entities and have their own promotion policies.

(d) There is no reservation in promotion from Assistant Manager (Computer) to Deputy Manager (Computer).

(e) The percentage of reservation in direct recruitment of Assistant Manager (Computer) is 15% and $7^{1/2}$% for SCs and STs respectively.

Bank branches in rural areas

1395. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has not been able to ensure the opening up of more branches of banks in rural areas;